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PATENT

July 19, 2002

In re the Application of ) Art Unit: 3727 RONALD L. BEALE ) Examiner: M. Brevard For: BACK SUPPORT APPARATUS FOR USE WITH A BACKPACK Serial No. 09/844,047 Filed: 4/30/01

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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## **AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action of June 25, 2002, applicant elects species I shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 17 read thereon. This election is made without traverse.

An Office Action on the merits of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.  A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.  The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.								
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